ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT

OF THE

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS FOR IRELAND,

for the Year ended the 1st day of August 1865.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN BARON WODEHOUSE, LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND, &c. &c. &c.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland, whose hands and corporate seal are hereunto annexed, beg leave, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 37, to submit to your Excellency the Report of the proceedings of the Commissioners for the year which ended the 1st of August 1865, and to subjoin an account of their receipts and disbursements, distinguishing the specific sources from which all moneys have been derived, and the specific purposes to which they have been applied; also, an account of their receipts and disbursements in relation to Primate Boulter's and Primate Robinson's Funds.

The sum appropriated at the usual annual special meeting of the Board in December 1864, for the several Church Works of this year, amounted to 58,562 *l.* 8 *s.* 2 *d.*; of this sum, 4,938 *l.* 7 *s.* was set apart towards the completion of 16 Churches undertaken in former years, and 17,710 *l.* towards erecting 15 Parish and District Parochial Churches, 1,355 *l.* 1 *s.* 2 *d.* to complete the amounts required for the enlargement of 16 Churches already partially provided for, and 8,055 *l.* towards the enlargement of 22 other Churches, and the residue, amounting to 26,504 *l.*, was appropriated to the repairs of Churches, and for fencing Churchyards, including the expenses connected with carrying out these several works.

The 15 Parish and District Parochial Churches, for the building of which grants were made, are,—

Camlough - - - -	in the Diocese of Armagh.
Templecarne - - - -	in the Diocese of Clogher.
Dunboyne - - - -	in the Diocese of Meath.
Culmore - - - -	in the Diocese of Derry.
Killaney - - - -	in the Diocese of Down.
Kilbride - - - -	in the Diocese of Connor.
Templepatrick - - -	
Belfast, No. 1 - - -	
Belfast, No. 3 - - -	
Rahoon - - - - -	in the Diocese of Tuam.

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Miltown	in the Diocese of Dublin.
Killanully Leighmoney	in the Diocese of Cork.
Killarney	in the Diocese of Ardfert.
Gurrane	in the Diocese of Cloyne.

The 22 Churches, for the enlargement of which grants have been made, are—

O'Meath Moy	in the Diocese of Armagh.
Derryvollan	in the Diocese of Clogher.
Meenglass	in the Diocese of Derry.
Conwall	in the Diocese of Raphoe.
Grey Abbey Holywood Newtownards	in the Diocese of Down.
Magherahamlet Magheradroll	in the Diocese of Dromore.
Billis Kilbnkere	in the Diocese of Kilmore.
Knocknarea	in the Diocese of Elphin.
St. Peter's Glenealy	in the Diocese of Dublin.
Newtown Barry	in the Diocese of Ferns.
Aghade	in the Diocese of Leighlin.
Desertserges Monkstown	in the Diocese of Cork.
Kilmeen Kilnagross	in the Diocese of Ross.
Finnoe	in the Diocese of Killaloe.

In the sum of 17,710 *l.* above mentioned is included 7,550 *l.*, granted in the previous year towards the erection of six of the Parish Churches, which are now included in this Report, inasmuch as the grants made in previous years were afterwards rescinded, the conditions on which same were then made not having been complied with within the period prescribed by the Board; and in the sum of 8,055 *l.* is included 1,225 *l.*, granted in the previous year towards the enlargement of six of the Churches, which are also included in this Report, inasmuch as the grants then made were afterwards rescinded for a like reason.

The Churches of Ahoghill, in the Diocese of Connor, and Abbeyleix, in the Diocese of Leighlin, the rebuilding of which was provided for in former years, have been completed; and the following are in progress, viz:

Jonesborough Woodschapel	in the Diocese of Armagh.
Claboy	in the Diocese of Clogher.
Moyglare	in the Diocese of Meath.
Clooney Dunnalong Urney	in the Diocese of Derry.
Castlekirke	in the Diocese of Tuam.

St. Andrew

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St. Andrew - - - -	in the Diocese of Dublin.
St. Bartholomew (Pembroke) -	
Clontarf - - - -	
Howth - - - - -	
Miltown - - - -	
Inniskinny - - - -	in the Diocese of Cork.
Killanully - - - -	
Leighmoney - - - -	
Little Island - - - -	
Cahir - - - - -	in the Diocese of Ardfert.

Grants to the amount of 630 *l.* 11 *s.* 3 *d.* have been made towards building, repairing, and providing Licensed Houses of Worship in the following Parishes, viz.:

Dromahair - - - -	in the Diocese of Kilmore.
Ballinahinch - - - -	in the Diocese of Tuam.
Bunlahinch - - - -	
Poulathomas - - - -	in the Diocese of Killalla.
Miltown - - - -	in the Diocese of Dublin.
Killmardrish - - - -	in the Diocese of Cloyne.
Rusheen - - - -	
Wallstown - - - -	
Kinvarra - - - -	in the Diocese of Kilmacduagh.
Kilfinny - - - -	in the Diocese of Limerick.

And a sum of 274 *l.* 4 *s.* 6 *d.* has been granted for completing the works in 14 of the cases of this class mentioned in former years' Reports.

The subscriptions from private sources received within the year, in aid of the building, rebuilding, enlarging, and improvement of Churches and Licensed Houses of Worship, have amounted to the sum of 15,935 *l.* 4 *s.* 6 *d.*

A Chapel of Ease, in the Parish of Ballysodere, in the Diocese of Achonry, built at the sole expense of the late Edward Joshua Cooper, of Markree Castle, in the county of Sligo, has been taken under charge.

A sum of 683 *l.* 6 *s.* 3 *d.* New Three per Cent. Stock, has been transferred to the Commissioners by the Earl of Belmore, and accepted by them as an Augmentation of the Perpetual Curacy of Garvery, in the Diocese of Clogher.

The Commissioners have, during the year, out of the Perpetuity Purchase Fund, granted loans on mortgage to the amount of 11,007 *l.* 8 *s.* 3 *d.*, for building, improving, and repairing Glebe Houses in the following cases:

Kilkeevan - - - -	in the Diocese of Elphin.
Clonmany - - - -	in the Diocese of Derry.
Kilmeen - - - -	in the Diocese of Ross.
Ballymaglasson - - -	in the Diocese of Meath.
Drumbeg - - - -	in the Diocese of Down.
Cullen - - - - -	in the Diocese of Emly.
Templescobin - - - -	in the Diocese of Ferns.
Fethard - - - - -	in the Diocese of Cashel.
Rathcoole - - - -	in the Diocese of Dublin.
Finner - - - - -	in the Diocese of Clogher.
Aghabog - - - -	

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Tram - - - - -	in the Diocese of Meath.
Tamlaght O'Crilly - - - Donoughmore - - -	in the Diocese of Derry.
Dromara - - - -	in the Diocese of Dromore.
Tullyagnish - - - - Glencolumbkill - - -	in the Diocese of Raphoe.
Carrigrohane - - - -	in the Diocese of Cork.
Stonehall - - - -	in the Diocese of Meath.
Mucknoe - - - -	in the Diocese of Clogher.
Kilmore - - - -	in the Diocese of Kilmore.
Tyrilla - - - - -	in the Diocese of Down.
Knocknamuckley - - -	in the Diocese of Dromore.
Killargue - - - -	in the Diocese of Kilmore.
Marshalstown - - -	in the Diocese of Cloyne.
Killanully - - - -	in the Diocese of Cork.
Attanna - - - -	in the Diocese of Ossory.
Dunlavin - - - -	in the Diocese of Dublin.
Croom - - - - -	in the Diocese of Limerick.

and a sum of 7,495 *l.* 9 *s.* 11 *d.* has been paid on foot of these loans, and of those previously granted.

The Commissioners regret that owing to the present state of their funds, and the many very urgent demands upon them, they have not been able this year to allocate any sum towards the further Augmentation of small Benefices.

Under the 31st section of the 23 & 24 Vict. c. 150, the Commissioners relinquished the further collection of the Instalments payable on foot of the loans made by the Board of First Fruits, for building Glebe Houses in the parish of Lachagh, in the Diocese of Kildare, and of Rathaspeck, in the Diocese of Ardagh.

By the half-yearly returns of promotions, it appears that appointments have been made within the year to 92 Benefices, consisting of 11 dignities, 7 prebends, and 74 parochial benefices; of these 32 appear to be subject to ecclesiastical tax.

With reference to the vacancy which took place in the Prebend of Lischeary, in the Diocese of Cork, not having cure of souls, within the meaning of the statutes, the Commissioners recommended the appointment to it to be suspended, with which recommendation your Excellency and the Privy Council were pleased to comply, and the emoluments of the Prebend have been transferred to the Commissioners, who have granted a Stipend for a Curate, who has been appointed and licensed by the Bishop for the performance of the duties of the parish.

The United Benefices of Modeligo and Kilgobinet, in the Diocese of Lismore, in which Divine Service had not been celebrated within the three years next, preceeding the 1st of February 1833, having become vacant, the Commissioners have suspended the appointment of a Clerk thereto, and have assigned a salary to a neigbbouring Clergyman for discharging the occasinnal duties of the parish.

Fifteen applications for the purchase of Perpetuities have been received, and the sum realised from this source within the year has amounted to 2,386 *l.* 6 *s.* 7 *d.*; and, for the liquidation of mortgages granted for perpetuity purchases effected in former years, a sum of 594 *l.* 3 *s.* 3 *d.* has been paid.

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The following sums have been invested in Government Securities, 2,612*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* to the credit of the Insurance Fund, and, temporarily, 12,401*l.* 15*s.* out of the General Fund, pending the execution of the works for which contracts have been entered into.

The annual account of the Trust Fund arising under Bishop Gore's will, from the impropriate tithes of Cahir Parish, in the Diocese of Lismore, has been furnished by the Commissioners to the Bishop of Cashel, Waterford, and Lismore, pursuant to the direction of the Court of Chancery.

All which is submitted to your Excellency's consideration.

(signed) M. G. ARMAGH.
RICHD. C. DUBLIN.
MAZIERE BRADY, C.
JOS. H. MEATH.
PLUNKET TUAM.
J. F. OSSORY AND FERNS.
THOMAS LEFROY, CHF. J.
ARTHUR EDWARD GAYER.
BENJN. LEE GUINNESS.
WILLIAM C. QUIN.

SEAL.

(signed) *Robt. F. Franks,*
Secretary.

Board Room,
24, Upper Merrion-street.
3 May 1866.

(A True Copy.)
Robt. F. Franks,
Secretary.

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BY THE ECCLESIASTICAL

AN ACCOUNT of all their RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS for One Year, ending the 1st been derived, and showing the Total Amount derived from each Source,

RECEIPTS.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Balance in Bank, 1st August 1864, General Fund	- - -	10,121 3 7
Ditto - - ditto - - Perpetuity Fund	- - -	669 5 5
Private subscriptions for building, enlarging, and altering churches	- - -	15,935 4 6
IN RESPECT OF INCOME.		
From See Estates	57,373 14 10	
– Suspended dignities, benefices, and disappropriated tithes	13,949 14 7	
– Charge on the See of Armagh	2,171 10 4	
– Ditto on the See of Derry	5,921 11 7	
– Tax on Bishoprics and Benefices	16,406 11 10	
– Glebe-house Loan Repayments	6,834 13 –	
– Interest on Government Securities standing to the credit of the General Fund (principal for the most part under engagement)	3,240 17 4	
– Ditto - - - ditto - - - standing to the credit of the Perpetuity Purchase Fund	2,366 7 9	
– Ditto on moneys invested in Government Securities for repairs of Trustee Chapels of Ease	18 18 6	
– Ditto on moneys invested for Endowment Fund	112 4 10	
– Ditto on Perpetuity Mortgages	907 16 6	
– Ditto on Insurance Fund	482 9 7	
– Ditto on Glebe House Mortgage Loans, under 23 & 24 Vict. c. 150	695 17 6	
– Income Tax refunded by Commissioners of Inland Revenue	1,579 2 3	
– Contributions from Economy Funds of Cathedrals	53 7 3	
– Bequest for keeping Dunamen Church in repair	7 4 –	
– Transfer from Deposit Fund	93 19 11	
– Miscellaneous	262 13 5	
		115,001 15 –
IN RESPECT OF CAPITAL.		
From Sale of Perpetuities	2,980 9 10	
– Sale of 3 per Cent. Consols	4,500 6 10	
– Instalments in repayment for Advance on account of Mortgage Loans, under Act 23 & 24 Vict. c. 150	601 7 5	
– Sale of 3 per Cent. Stock, General Fund	13,506 16 3	
		21,489 – 4
	£.	163,213 13 10

Dr. PRIMATE BOULTER'S AND PRIMATE ROBINSON'S FUNDS - - - - -

	£. s. d.
To Balance in Primate Boulter's Fund, 31st July 1864	3,093 14 5
– Amounts received from Primate Boulter's and Primate Robinson's Funds	6,767 19 4
£.	3,861 13 9

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COMMISSIONERS FOR IRELAND:

day of August 1865; distinguishing the specific Sources from which all Moneys have and the specific Purposes to which the Receipts have been applied.

DISBURSEMENTS.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
IN RESPECT OF INCOME.			
For Building Churches	19,848 2 7		
– Enlarging ditto	6,495 4 9		
– Repairs ditto	25,409 3 3		
– Extraordinary repairs of ditto	323 9 –	52,075 19 7	
– Requisites for celebration of Divine Service	6,740 10 10		
– Clerks' and Sextons' Salaries	23,859 3 5		
– Organists, Organ Blowers, and Tuning Organs	1,643 1 8		
– Fuel used in Churches	3,893 19 5	36,146 15 4	
– Stipends to Dublin Curates, under 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 37	2,081 2 2		
– Ditto to Vicars Choral and Curates of suspended Benefices, &c.	4,134 9 3		
– Ditto in augmentation of small Benefices	5,743 3 –		
– Ditto to Incumbents of Tullow and Kill Parishes	195 8 4		
– Salaries to Diocesan Schoolmasters	263 4 4	12,422 7 1	
– Ministers' Money	– – –	12,564 16 5	
– Investment on account of Insurance Fund	– – –	2,612 9 7	
– Endowment Fund, paid Incumbents of Dunlewy, Jonesborough, and Brantry Churches	– – –	102 4 10	
– Superannuation Account	– – –	359 2 6	
– Quit and Crown rents	– – –	55 8 9	
– Salaries to Commissioners, Secretary, Treasurer, and Clerks, &c.	– – –	6,825 3 2	
– Rent, Rentcharges, Taxes, and other Expenses connected with mensal and other lands	– – –	509 14 10	
– Salaries to Solicitor and Disbursements	– – –	787 5 10	
– Income Tax deducted from Office Salaries (£. 202 7 5)			
– Ditto paid direct for certain small properties (£. 18 6 7)	220 13 –		
– Postage	253 7 6		
– Advertising Proposals for Church works, &c.	307 16 6		
– Stationery and Printing	345 3 –		
– Survey and Valuation of Lands	151 9 6		
– Rents, Coals, Candles, Supernumerary Clerks, and other Incidents	1,506 4 3	2,784 13 9	
– Investment on account of Cork See Estate	– – –	110 – –	127,356 1 6
IN RESPECT OF CAPITAL.			
For Investment in Government Stock (General Fund) pending fulfilment of Contracts for Church works	– – –	12,401 16 –	
– Enrolling and registering Perpetuity Certificates	– – –	57 15 –	
Ditto ditto ditto	– – –	7 11 6	
– Advances on Mortgages on Glebe Houses from Perpetuity Purchase Fund, under 23 & 24 Vict. c. 150	– – –	7,437 18 5	19,954 19 11
Balance in General Fund, 31st July 1865	– – –	14,749 12 8	
– Ditto in Perpetuity Purchase Fund, ditto	– – –	1,156 19 7	15,905 12 3
		£.	163,216 13 10

PRIMATE BOULTER'S AND PRIMATE ROBINSON'S FUNDS. *Cr.*

DISBURSEMENTS.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
By Augmentation of small Benefices	– – –	4,437 5 9
– Purchase of 3 per Cent. Stock	– – –	1,911 17 2
– Balance, 31st July 1865	– – –	2,512 10 10
	£	8,361 13 9

E. E. (signed) *Geo. Lefroy*, Treasurer.

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ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION (IRELAND).

ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNT of the ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS for *Ireland* to the Lord Lieutenant, for the Year ended 1st day of August 1865.

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